

June 13, 2011

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Cecil Waters; Angie DeKemper – Countrymark; Geneva James; Ed Adams; Larry Williams; Ron and Vonnie Sallee; Gary and Sue Shelton; Judy and Dave Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Brandyn Mohr; Frank Didelot - Johnson Controls, Inc.; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Comm. Maynard; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated Supt. Gray is in Washington, DC receiving his award for Plant Operator of the Year, but the last time they spoke, he indicated that there were no issues at the plant. He further stated that Supt. Gray contacted all local firms about getting an appraiser, but there are none locally that do that anymore. He added he does have the names of two gentlemen, though he does not have them with him tonight that can do the appraisal. He stated he would like permission to move forward with contacting them and getting the appraisal on the Shephard property. That being said, he then moved Supt. Gray be permitted to move forward with said appraisal. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Curtis stated Frank Didelot with Johnson Controls, is the project engineer on the improvements to the water intakes, and he is present with an update.

Mr. Didelot stated they along with the City, have partnered with Clark Dietz on the project and they are looking at four options, each of which have their own obstacles and opportunities. He added they should have more detailed information for the Board in 30 to 45 days.

Comm. Maynard arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Didelot continued by stating in reference to the ground water sourcing, the east side of town has a few potential sites, and they are therefore looking into permitting, etc. He added they are located in some potential archeologically historical sites and they have made contact with the proper authorities concerning that. He added there is also one possibility west of town. He continued his update by stating JCI is pursuing energy efficiency measures as well in all city buildings, which started today. He then asked if there were any questions ?

Chairman Curtis stated they will try not to leave out any alternatives at this point. He added this is a good group to be working with and they will hopefully have some interesting, good options for them soon.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Mr. Didelot or Chairman Curtis ?
There were none.

Mr. Didelot left the meeting.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloat; Chief Waters; Cecil Waters; Angie DeKemper – Countrymark; Geneva James; Ed Adams; Larry Williams; Ron and Vonnie Sallee; Gary and Sue Shelton; Judy and Dave Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Brandyn Mohr; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; Comm. Maynard; and Supt. Givens.

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Councilman Hoehn moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.
Chief Waters stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated all is quiet for now, but once Phase II starts up, she will have a lot to report.
Supt. Givens agreed and added he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report for May before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.
Attorney Higgins stated the first item is a second reading of an ordinance they have tabled since March. There were questions the Council had and they addressed those and sent corrected ordinances to Council in their packets.
Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title V – Public Works, Chapter 50 – Sewers, Section 50.135(A) – Administrative Fines, pass second reading, as amended. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
Supt. Givens stated he ran this ordinance by Pre-Treatment Director Dennis Givens, and he is fine with it.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the ordinance passed second reading unanimously.
Councilman Curtis moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass final reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied it will be numbered 11-04, passed at 7:17 pm.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item comes to the Council from the Area Plan Commission, and she believes it passed first reading at their last meeting. She stated it is the Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the city of Mt. Vernon, State of Indiana, More Commonly Known as 101 Mann Street, 105 Mann Street, 111 Mann Street, and 101 W. Ohio Street, City of Mt. Vernon, in Black Township, Posey County, IN.

Councilwoman Higgins stated a representative of Countrymark is in the Audience if there are any questions.

Councilman Curtis stated as there were no remonstrators at the Area Plan, or the last Council meeting, he moved the ordinance pass second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated there were no other Legals.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Hoehn stated this may actually be Old Business, but questioned the status of the bridge in the east side annexed area ?

Supt. Givens stated he met with Steve Schenk about that, and he does have a quote, but he has not seen the County plans for the bridge. He understands they have some plans, but he has not seen them.

Angie DeKemper left the meeting.

Supt. Givens continued by stating he feels the line needs to be moved about 50 feet from the bridge, which will involve some engineering on the city's part. He added he would

like to see some kind of commitment in writing from the County before he proceeds, though he is certain they will need to take bids for the project.

Councilman Hoehn questioned the possibility of boring.

Supt. Givens replied he is not sure, but he wants the most cost effective way and something that will be acceptable to the County as well.

Councilman Curtis stated he drove out and looked at it and wondered why the line needs to be moved 50 feet ?

Supt. Givens replied they may be extending the bridge that far over.

Councilman Hoehn stated he would strongly suggest to the County that boring under the bridge be considered as if the line is left attached to the bridge it will leave the line exposed and could be easily damaged.

Supt. Givens replied they are looking into it, and he feels boring would also be the best option.

Councilman Hoehn stated he has a business in that annexed area and he would like to see access to the businesses at the Southwind Shopping Plaza, rather than the dangerous intersection of Leonard Road and Hwy 62 – a bad accident could easily happen there.

Supt. Givens stated he feels the city needs to take the line off of the bridge regardless of what the County does to the bridge.

Councilman Fuelling asked if they have committed to two bridges, have they narrowed it down to that being one of them ?

Supt. Givens replied he feels it would be the one if the City removed the line, but they need to get started on it.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated he was notified Friday, June 3, by OCRA that Mount Vernon received the storm water grant for the west side area, in the amount of \$524,287.00. He added he will be headed to Indianapolis in July for the paperwork. He concluded by stating a grant in the amount for this project is huge for the City.

Judy Whitten asked if there was any news on the riverfront ?

Mayor Tucker stated in reference to the silos, yes. He added there was a meeting with the contractor, Attorney Higgins, the grant writer, the engineers on Phase II, and IDEM. He stated it went very well especially with IDEM there. Klenck is now moving quicker

and Elite hopes to be done with the asbestos removal by the end of this week, first of next week. At that point, Klenck will move in and take them down. It was a good meeting and the City stressed they want the silos down by July 3.

Mayor Tucker stated of there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer